

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A novel composition for delivering carotenoids (e.g.  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -carotene, lycopene) and/or other physiologically active ingredients to the colon of humans after ingestion and for producing liquid food compositions insusceptible to polyphenol-protein reactions can be obtained by encapsulating said active ingredients with pectin, in particular with low-methoxylated pectin.